

SENATE BILL 1259

By Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7,  
Chapter 82, Part 2, relative to utility districts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-82-202, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection thereto:

(h) Notwithstanding this section to the contrary, for any utility district in a county having a population of not less than fifty-seven thousand four hundred (57,400) nor more than fifty-seven thousand five hundred (57,500), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, and bordering upon a Tennessee Valley Authority lake and receiving a majority of its water from springs located within the utility district, any resolution of its governing body agreeing or proposing to sale, merge, or consolidate with a municipality, other utility district, water authority, or county by transferring all of its property and obligations to the municipality, other utility district, water authority, or county, shall not become operative until approved in an election provided in the utility district providing options for customers of the utility district to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the resolution, and a majority vote of those voting in the election shall determine whether the resolution is to be operative. Upon adopting any such resolution, the board must promptly schedule a meeting of the district's customers for an election. Such election of ratification must occur within ninety (90) days of the adoption of the resolution. At least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meeting, the board shall mail written notice to all customers of the utility district announcing the time, place and purposes of such meeting. If a majority of the customers present and voting at the meeting favor ratification of the resolution, then the resolution shall immediately take effect.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.